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Rotarians enjoy Bill's illustrated talk on America

THE Rotary Club of Hamilton welcomed Bill Bell as guest speaker at their recent meeting.

Mr Bell provided members with a fascinating photographic journey through the National Parks of America.

A former member of the Rotary Club of Rutherglen, Bill is a keen golfer and bowler, having retired from contract management with Flemings Buildings, of Lenzie, a few years ago.

He has had a great interest in America for some years and has made several extended visits to the country.

His illustrated talk, which comprised highlights from these visits, started at Yellowstone National Park to see "Old Faithful", the world-famous geyser, which erupts every 13 minutes.

Then it was on to see the rest of the park with its coyotes and buffalo; through Utah to view Elephant Rock and The Keyhole, and into the Canyons to see the Green River, then on to the iconic Monument Valley to view the many rock formations as featured in a multitude of Westerns over the years.

Members were then taken to the Grand Canyon for an aerial view of the "Bright Angel Trail" and onward to Death Valley, with stops at Dante's View and Zabriskie Point.

Yosemite National Park came next, with a visit to Glacier Point for spectacular views over the park to see the Half Dome rock formation, then on to Cathedral rock on the Sedona, Arizona, skyline.

There was then a short stop in San Francisco to visit Alcatraz with its famous prison before going south to Carmel and Monterey to the Big Sur coastal area to visit Los Padres National Forest, with a visit to Pebble Beach.

Jim Provan proposed a vote of thanks for this interesting photographic journey through the big parks of America.